

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly enter, without prejudice, the amendments to the specification set forth below:

On page 8, please amend Paragraph [0030] as follows:

[0030] At steps 206, 208, the members or participants each send the short and long positions that they identified to ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 (represented in FIG. 1 by computer 106).

On page 9, please amend Paragraph [0031] as follows:

[0031] At steps 210, 212, ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 receives the short and long positions from ~~terminals 1 and 2~~ terminals 2 and 3. The respective positions are handled by ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 in a manner such that they can be individually tracked or traced to the sending participant or member.

On page 9, please amend Paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0032] At steps 214, 216, ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 filters the positions. This filtering is described generally above, and is according to the parameters that are established by the submitting member or participant. For example, one participant may require that their positions for a particular security be matched only with certain other participants. Or, they may require that the matching be according to certain allocation percentages. Or they may require that some percentage of their position not be matched.

On page 9, please amend Paragraph [0033] as follows:

[0033] At step 218, after the positions have been filtered, ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 matches short positions with long positions. This matching occurs on a CUSIP basis until all positions that can be matched have been matched.

On page 9, please amend Paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] At step 220, ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 considers any filters that have been established and allocates the long positions for each CUSIP to the short positions for that CUSIP. As discussed above, if there are more long positions than short positions, the lending is on a pro-rata basis. Alternatively, if there are more short positions than long positions, the borrowing is on a pro-rata basis.

On page 9, please amend Paragraph [0035] as follows:

[0035] Once the long and short positions have been matched and any allocation completed, then at steps 222, 224, ~~terminal 3~~ terminal 1 creates the appropriate finance trades and informs ~~terminals 1 and 2~~ terminals 2 and 3 of the trades.